

Remarks:

Claims 6-13 are now pending in this case. Applicants have canceled claims 1-5, which were prosecuted in the parent application.

In the event that the Examiner believes that an interview would serve to facilitate the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to deposit account no. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

6-7-00



Eric J. Franklin, Reg. No. 37,134
Attorney for Applicants
Pollock, Vande Sande & Amernick
1990 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036-3425
Telephone: 202-331-7111
Facsimile: 202-293-6229